

2011 *No Child Left Behind* - Blue Ribbon Schools Awardees

The *No Child Left Behind* – Blue Ribbon Schools Program (NCLB-BRS) is a national recognition program, honoring elementary and secondary schools in the United States that make significant progress in closing achievement gaps or whose students achieve at the highest levels in their state. Through this program, the U.S. Department of Education recognizes and presents as models these elementary and secondary schools.

The U.S. Department of Education allowed the Ohio Department of Education to nominate 14 public schools for the 2011 Blue Ribbon Schools award. At least five (5) of these 14 must have 40 percent or more students who qualify for free or reduced price lunch. Once nominated, these schools must apply to the U.S. Department of Education for this award. In keeping with *No Child Left Behind*, the application focuses primarily on student performance and scientifically based instructional programs.

There are two categories for nomination: high performing schools and dramatically improving schools. The schools with 40 percent or more poverty may fall into either category. Schools with less than 40 percent poverty only qualify for the high performing category.

The U.S. Department of Education invites the Council for American Private Education (CAPE) to nominate private schools that meet the high performing and dramatically improving criteria for recognition. Private schools interested in being nominated apply directly to CAPE. In submitting nominated schools, CAPE must certify that the schools meet the minimum requirements established by the Department and other criteria used to nominate schools. At a minimum, private school performance is measured by nationally normed tests. If a private school administers both state tests and nationally normed tests, the school must be among the highest in both.

2011 Blue Ribbon School Awardees

| Public Schools | District | County |
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| Cardington-Lincoln Elementary School | Cardington-Lincoln Local | Morrow |
| Citizens Academy | Sponsor: Cleveland Municipal School District | Cuyahoga |
| Kensington Intermediate Elementary School | Rocky River City | Cuyahoga |
| Kings Mills Elementary School | Kings Local | Warren |
| Lake Elementary School | Lake Local | Stark |
| Maplewood Elementary School | Maplewood Local | Trumbull |
| Putman Elementary School | Blanchester Local | Clinton |
| South Range High School | South Range Local | Mahoning |
| Springboro High School | Springboro Community City | Warren |
| Timmons Elementary School | Kenston Local | Geauga |
| Union Elementary School | Upper Sandusky Ex Village | Wyandot |
| West Boulevard Elementary School | Boardman Local | Mahoning |

| Private Schools | Located in City | County |
|--------------------------------|------------------------|---------------|
| All Saints School | Cincinnati | Hamilton |
| Saint Angela Merici School | Fairview Park | Cuyahoga |
| Saint Barnabas Catholic School | Northfield | Summit |
| St. Columban School | Loveland | Clermont |
| St. Francis Xavier School | Medina | Medina |
| St. Joan of Arch School | Chagrin Falls | Cuyahoga |